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Dissident Voice Inside CIA Doubts Victory in Viet Nam

closed today, has voiced "co !- lication. ous doubt that victory can be A cover sheet to Matthias' pa-won' in South Viet Nam and per was released. Signed by suggested that the outcome Sherman Kent chairman of the might be a negotiated settle- National Estimates Board, it

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The conclusion that no milltary end of the war against Red guerillas is in sight was expressed by Willard Matthias, a memtional Estimates.

In a paper on "Trends in the Cong have stepped up their offensive, and the counter-querrilla effort "continues to flounder" under poor prosecution by the Saigon government.

Continued large-scale U. S. paign and an end of "further agency within the U. S. Governpolitical deterioration within South Viet Nam" could at least achieve "a prolonged stale-mate," he said.

Matthias said there also is a chance that future developments "could lead to some kind of negotiated settlement based upon neutralization."

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A magazine had turned it down, munists to stop violating the ac-

Washington, Aug. 22—(AP) hy Matthias was allowed to A CIA officer it was discoffer such a document for pub-

stated that the paper "has gen-Administration sources said eral board approval, though no this is not the U. S. Government attempt has been made to reach general agreement on every point of it.

Aside from the Viet Nam reference, the document appeared to be a routine summary of the ber of the Central Intelligence obvious changes in the world Agency's 12-man Board of Na-brought about by the nuclear stalemate between Russia and the United States and by the Wo rld Situation," Matthias Chinese - Russian ideological wrote that the Communist Viet conflict.

In releasing the paper, Admininstration sources emphasized

-Matthias was expressing his own views, not those of the U. S. Government or of any

-Matthias' memo was circulated among a few lower-ranking officials, but was never given to the policy-setting National Security Council.

-The campaign in South Viet Nam may be long and arduous, but the U.S. Government is French President Charles de fully committed to stemming Gaulle has suggested neutrali-the insurgents there and be-

-The Government also sees no grounds for negotiation with Administration sources made the Reds over South Viet Nam the document available after at this time. A negotiated settlelearning that it would be pub-ment was reached long ago at lished in the Chicago Tribune, Geneva and it is up to the Com-